HOUSE COMBINE HOLDS UP THE PARK-SITE BILL.

Print Citizens Urge Meas- • re : Adoption, but Comminiee Adjourns Without Acting.

W. ZISENHEIN IS HISSED.

ormer Mayor Creates Scene by Attacking World's Fair Company Directors.

After conflicting a public hearing yesterday morning on the World's Fair park-site bill the Committee on Public Improvements of the House of Delegates adjourned without designating the time for another meeting to deliberate on the measure and prepare a refort. The House will meet at 1 o'clock this afternoon, but all signs indicate that the bill will not be reported for an indefinite Leriod.

Evidence of a prearranged plan to hold up the bill became so apparent that anticombine members have resolved to com-

combine members have resolved to commence a bitt r fight on almost every pend-ing proposition, in order to compel every member of the House to show his position. Delegate Reiss, leader of the anti-combine, will submit this afternoon a resolution commanding the committee to report the bill. He will insist on a roll-call vote.

Officials in the City Hall and members of the combine declare that the hold-up is in the nature of a conspiracy of the House combine against Mayor Wells and the City Council for the purpose of compelling the administration to bend the knee in regard to appointments and appropriations, and it is announced that the combine is on the verge of reorganization.

The hearing on the park-site bill was attended by President D. R. Francis, Treas-urer W. H. Thompson, Secretary Walter B. Stevens and all the directors of the Louisiann Purchase Exposition Company, as well as by officers of the World's Fair Free Site Association and many prominent citizens, all of whom advocated passage of the meas-

The chief speaker in opposition was ex-Mayor Ziegenhein, who vetoed a similar bill just prior to his retirement and who held up the World's Fair bond bill at what was considered the most critical stage in he history of the World's Fair project. Mr. diegenhein was present by invitation of speaker Cronin and also at his own request. World's Fair directorate.

Chairman Geraghty rapped for order a few minutes past 10 o'clock, with all the committeemen seated at the Clerk's desk. Mr. Kelly read the bill, after which Mr. Geraghty requested the names of all who osed to speak for or against the meas-Mr. Ziegenhein entered and sat on a rostrum step near the committee, beside Delegate Stannard and several members of the old House who opposed the former

GOVERNOR FRANCIS

Governor Francis was the first speaker.
"There can be no doubt or question in the minds of anyone," he said, "as to the sentiment of the people of St. Louis and Missouri in favor of this Exposition. And it is to be a public enterprise. If there are any private axes to grind in connection with this move the fact has not, as yet, reached the ears of the men composing this

day's hearing on the World's Fair .

Officials and directors of the Louis- iana Purchase Exposition Company appeared before the Committee on of Delegates and argued for the passage of the park-site bill.

by ex-Governor D. R. Francis, Treasrer W. H. Thompson, Breckinridge Colman, H. W. Steinbiss, Alexander ◆ N. De Menil, ex-Mayor C. P. Wal- ◆ bridge, President Hiram Phillips of the Board of Public Improvements

arranging for another meeting.
Ex-Mayor Ziegenhein, while oppos-

ing the bill, sought to criticise former • Governor Francis, and was hissed

them in the hope that they may thereby force Mayor Wells to favor them in making appointments.

Mr. Irvine replied to ex-Mayor Zie-senhein, charging the latter with

• violating his promise by vetoing the • • former park-site bill.
• The House of Delegate at 5 o'clock this aftern The House of Delegates will meet .

that year was selected and you do not need to be reminded that the time between now to be reminded that the time between now and 1963—the time we have to prepare for the Exposition—is altogether too short." the Exposition—is altogether too short."
Governor Francis than presented the petition of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition
Company's directors for prompt passage c'
the bill.

"When Chieses hald be Windows

"When Chicago held her World's Fair," he continued. "the Park Commissioners of that city tendered to the exposition all the parks of the city, by act of the State Leg-islature, which met in special session in 1890. What we are asking is that you per-

1890. What we are asking is that you permit us to use any or all the parks of this city, when a site for the Exposition has been decided upon, if we desire to do so.

"I assure you that no decision has been arrived at as to the location of the Exposition, and that the subject of a site has not been discussed by the board at all; that a Committee on Site has not been appointed. I state these facts to convince you that no plan has been offered whereby certain real estate may be boomed. But you know full well what activity there is in real estate circles as the result of the in real estate circles as the result of the Fair movement. This will show you the importance of our having an eligible site for the Exposition. I have stated the amount that had been subscribed for this Exposition, but I make the prediction that before the gates of that Fair are opened

we shall have spent \$20,000,000.

"What I want to emphasize is the necessity for prompt action. The House of Delegates represents the people of the city. You know the sentiment of the people is decidedly in favor of this measure, and we only wish to urge prompt action in the mat-ter. The two years between now and 1903 are no more than will be absolutely necessary to prepare for this Exposition. We cannot take a step until the site is selected.

1. Won't you tell me, Mollie dar ling,

UNIDENTIFIED SUICIDE'S ONLY MESSAGE

"You are also aware that the time fixed necessity for speedy action, stating that tained for the site at exorbitant prices.

WORDS FROM AN OLD LOVE SONG

As He Sat in a Saloon He Penned the Lines From "Mollie Darling" in

a Notebook, Then Put the Pist ol to His Head and Blew Out

His Brains - Man Answering His Description Was

Seen at Cape Girardeau a Few Days Ago.

GOVERNOR YATES SIGNS THE WORLD'S FAIR BILL.

Springfield, Ill., May 9. -Governor Yates to-day signed the World's Fair bill, which appropriates \$250,000 for an Illinois exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held in St. Louis in 1908.

The measure carries with it provision for a commission of fifteen to have charge of the exhibit. Governor Yates has not yet determined when he will call together the Com-

missioners whom he appointed last week. This appropriation is the next largest to that of Missouri, and assures an exhibit in keeping with the culture, the wealth and the enlightenment of Illinois.

time is an essential factor for proper preparation.
"We need this bill," he declared, "and "We need this bill," he declared, "and we need it quickly. Much of the success of the Exposition will depend upon your atti-tude toward it. The National Commission soon will be here, and we must be in a po-sition to offer a suitable site. We are making no arguments for any park. What we want is such a privilege for this public enterprise that will permit us to prevent being held up by real extate speculators.

being held up by real estate speculators. You all appreciate the prosperity that will accompany this great project. Therefore, we urge prompt response to our appeal." FIRST OPPOSITION TO
TO FOREST PARK.

At the request of Governor Francis,
Chairman Geraghty invited remarks from
antagonists to the bill. Edward H. Bick-

ley, who is said to have represented a real estate syndicate before the Council com-mittee, addressed the committee as a private citizen, opposing the Forest Park clause. "Owing to the national fame of Forest Park," he said, "visitors to the city will expect to see a genuine forest. If buildings are to be erected in the grounds, the trees will have to disappear and the forest will be no more; the wilderness will

be a thing of the past.
"Then, citizens owning magnificent homes
adjacent to the park will not like the noise and turmoll attendant to the World's Fair. Besides, I do not believe the Forest Park site would be conducive to the largest amount of public improvements. If the Exhave a grand boulevard system, improving King's highway, Union avenue, Natural Bridge road, Goodfellow avenue and other

thoroughfares." Resuming the cause of the World's Fair directorate, Breckinridge Jones insisted that the bill should be considered from a broad standpoint, as a public measure fostered for the public good to enable "the city of St. Louis to perform its duty to the States and Territories of the Louisiana Purchase region." "This is not a personal movement por a recuming where but a novement, nor a pecuniary scheme, but a great public enterprise, indorsed by the people," he said. "It may be that we shall be obliged to

"It may be that we shall be obliged to proceed in isolated instances against private interests, but in every case vested rights will be duly recognized. For every intrenchment there will be ample compensation. Now, we invite your cordial cooperation for the success of this gigantic public enterprise." public enterprise.

Former Mayor Walbridge made a terse have not come to discuss or to select a site, but to request of you that you place us in a position to defy speculators. You cannot afford to the our handa, So far no argument has been made against the bill, except by exclusion. It is no argument to be in favor of a North or South Side park and to be opposed to another in another section of the city. If the World's Fair di-rectors can be trusted with \$15,000,000, they can be trusted with authority to select a

House cannot assume a contrary attitude toward the World's Fair. "Can the House step in and say, 'You cannot have this privi-

vall against this measure. The committee must not be influenced or actuated by self-ish men or from selfish motives." He concluded by illustrating the permanent advantages that would accrue to the park.

PHILLIPS EXPLAINS THE MEASURE.

President Phillips of the Board of Pub-lic Improvements explained that the bill originated in the board, was approved by the board and was passed by the City Council. The ordinance was framed in fairnes and was approved unanimously. He assured the committee that the board will require the restoration of the paticular park

to its normal condition. "I feel," he said, "that the parks would e in good hands. I have implicit confidence in the World's Fair management Being a taxpayer and a property-owner, I am deeply interested in St. Louis. All I own is my residence, but if Governor Fran-cis should come to me and say that my house is needed for two years by the World's Fair directors, I'll move out and

they can have it." ZIEGENHEIN IS LOUDLY HISSED.

Following President Phillips, ex-Mayor Ziegenhein took the floor. "Sometimes," he began, "it is necessary for some of us to take a stand on important matters. North and South St. Louis are as much interested in the World's Fair as the West End. They are all good people in South St. Louis and in North St. Louis, too. And there ain't no speculators in my part of town, either. I want to say that I am as much of a

World's Fair man as Dave Francis ever was or ever will be."

This remark, delivered dramatically and with evident personal animosity, caused immediate interruption of the proceedings. A ber and spread rapidly, all the directors signifying their disapproval. The sound augmented in volume and several directors arose to respend. Delegate Kelly nudged

Chairman Geraghty, who rapped for order. The crowd in the balcony continued hiss-ing. Zlegenhein looked up and shouted, "Curs! Geeze! Snakes!" "That's what they are, old man!" repeated Delegate Stannard who was seated on a step of the rostrum.

Ziegenhein turned pale, but there was no abatement to his effrontery. "Save Forest Park from the man with the ax." he exrain from the man with the ax, he ex-claimed, raising his arms high above his head. "The man who would dare to cut down a tree in Forest Park ought to be prosecuted, fined and sent to the pen. Why do you ask for Forest Park and not for O'Fallon or Carondelet Park? Because you know that you don't want O'Fallon or Caknow that you don't want O'Fallon or Ca-rondelet Park.
"You want Forest Park, and you know you

do. There are land sharks around that park; land sharks w, would sell their land and make fortunes and move out of town forever. I hope the House of Delegates will have backbone and not give you this bill.

After a while people will say 'Uncle Henry' was all right." He persisted at some length ih the same strain, evoking constan

FRANCIS INTRODUCES

"Mr. Chairman," Governor Francis said, you Mr. George W. Parker, one of the di-rectors, and who is devoted to the success of the World's Fair."

"I am glad to raise my voice, as a pri vate citizen and as a director, in favor of the immediate passage of this bill." Mr. Parker stated. "The issue before us now is not the location of the Fair in Forest Park or elsewhere. Ample time will be given for discussion of the question of a site. We come to you, as representatives of the interests of the sovereign people, to ask you to let us take the three parks into account.

to let us take the three parks into account. The destiny of St. Louis is in your hands. Charles Becker spoke against the Forest Park clause, saying the "wilderness" should be preserved. President H. C. Koenig of the Tenth Ward Improvement Association argued against Forest Park, and in favor of South St. Louis.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS PUT TO ZIEGENHEIN.

L. C. Irvine, president of the World's Fair Free Site Association, advanced the bill and replied to Ziegenhein's personal at tack on the World's Fair directors. Mr. Irvine demanded to know why Ziegenhein had not cried alarm in 1890, when the Municipal Assembly of this city passed an ordinance granting the use of all the parks for the Columbian Exposition. Ziegenhein began to reply, and Mr. Irvine interposed to inquire if Ziegenhein had not given his word of honor to sign the former bill, and subsequently vetoed the bill. A stormy scene

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

showers in western portion Friday; warmer. Saturday showers; southeasterly winds.

day. Saturday probably showers in western, fair in eastern portion; fresh to brisk southeasterly winds.

Suicide's Only Message Was From Old Bong.

2. Cupples Hall Corner Stone. 3. Christian Churches Will Consolidate.

4. Results at the Race Tracks.

6. Oil Gusher Spouts for St. Louisans, Building Boom Continues Active.

& Editorial. How Buffalo Avoided Lack of Harmony. Mary Institute Commencement Plans.

News From the East Side.

Record of Births, Marriages, Deaths, 11. Republic Want Advertisements.

12. Grain and Produce.

14 Italian Consul Highly Indignant

FORTUNES VANISH WHILE PANIC REIGNS, FORCED BY NORTHERN PAGIFIC CORNER.

Before the recovery yesterday, the shrinkage since Wednesday's close had been......\$599,757,147.00

No Large Failures, but Thousands of Small Investors Were Wiped Out in the Great Struggle.

TEMPORARY TRUCE

That and the Banks Check Worse Disaster - Big Houses Sustain Heavy Financial Losses.

ALL STOCKS SUFFER SLUMP.

OF HIS BIG LOSSES. New York May 9 - John W Gates. speaking of the losses sustained by

take, but it has done good. There was too much speculation and it had
 to be checked. There will be heavy
 buying orders and the market will rally promptly. This Northern Fa cific settlement will clean things up.
 The banks saved the day, and I feel quite sure there will be no failures
 of any size."

Mr. Gates would not discuss his per- sonal losses, but told a dog sto
 that was elequent in expression. sonal losses, but told a dog story

 town," he said, "who had a poor yel low pup. Well, that dog was kicked • so hard and so often that he walked sideways. I am walking sideways."

New York, May 9 .- The two interests at the head of the opposing factions in Northprotecting their shorts, and agreeing to supply the common stock at \$150 a share. Throughout the day and until a late hou

to-night conferences were being held to difficulty. The most important financial in terests in the country were represented interest, combined with common sense, will prevail.

Pacific is similar to that of two great armies drawn up on the field of battle, anxlously awaiting the outcome of negotiations. There is suspension of hostilities; that is

Both sides claim control of the Northern lege; we will tie your hands? I hope the ordinance will be passed. If it be not passed, private property can only be ob- he will. Now, I would like to introduce to for advantage. How it will all end no one can tell. The Harriman-Gould-Kuhn-Loeb-Standard Oll group still claims to have con-trol of enough Northern Pacific stock to carry out its plans. The Morgan-Hill interest, however, is making very strong claims.

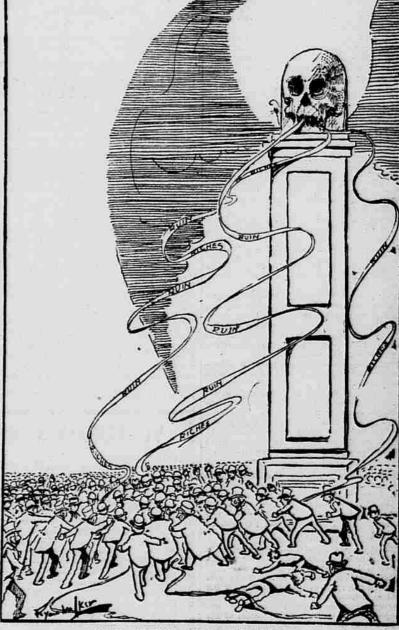
While the panic prevailed on the floor of
the Stock Exchange the brokers on the curb were in a frenzy. Standard Oil is dealt in only on the curb. That security got a se-vere shock, selling down to 663, a drop of 171 points from the closing price, 834, Wednesday. It closed to-night at 700 asked, no bid.

MORGAN-HILL GROUP SEEM VICTORIOUS. To-night an individual, who has been party to the conference relating to the strained conditions in Wall street this week, made statements and explanations which give to the contest in Wall street a

which give to the contest in wan scale a different construction than was generally accepted downtown to-day. He said:
"To-morrow morning Kuhn, Lobe & Co. will publish a notice saying they will let out their Northern Pacific to shorts at \$150. Positive statement is made to-night that to-morrow J. P. Morgan & Co. will notify shorts that they will be released of short obligations to Morgan & Co. on the basis of

obligations to Morgan & Co. on the basis of 150. This will be the penalization. The shorts will get no stock from Morgan & Co. They will get only freedom.

"The Burlington deal will be known tomorrow as an accomplished fact. It has already been accomplished. The Morgan-Hill interests control the Northern Pacific stock and the Board of Directors had abstock, and the Board of Directors had ab-solute power to close the Northern Pacific-Burlington merger without the consent of two-thirds of Northern Pacific stock. The old law of the Northern Pacific prescribed that two-thirds of the stock should assent



THE SPIRIT OF THE TICKER.

WALL STREET'S LOSSES DURING DARKEST HOURS OF THE PANIC.

New York, May 9.-The following table shows some of the heaviest 35,955,000 21,289,455 8,100,000 12,075,000 Baltimore and Ohio 102 Chesaneake and Ohio 16,441,710 2,060,193 16,600,000 St. Paul preferred 185 Consolidated Gas 206 Delaware and Hudson 165 General Electric Great Northern 17714 Illinois Central 185
Louisville and Nashville 105% Metropolitan 1651/2 New York Central 15 3,970,286 89,588,420 6,773,623 Union Pacific 113 92,000,000

This provision, still printed in the manual, accepted as authentic, has misled the opponents of the Morgan-Hill plans, because, in the reorganisation, the two-thirds provision was abolished and the power was vested two-thirds of Northern Pacific stock. The solely in the Board of Directora old law of the Northern Pacific prescribed that two-thirds of the stock should assent to such a transaction as the present deal.

PROSECUTION COMPLETES CASE AGAINST MRS. ADMIRE.

One Witness Testified That Defendant Had Threatened to Kill

Her Husband-Bloodstains Explained.

Carrollton, Ill., May 9.-The prosecution this evening closed their case against Mrs. Sallie B. Admire, after examining about forty witnesses.

Mrs. Dora Murray, the deserted wife of Bert Murray, testified that Mrs. Admire, in her presence, exhibited a revolver and said r husband, Admire, annoyed her she would kill him.

ome blood-stained sheets, shirts and clothes put away in the smokehouse. This was the strongest evidence produced by

This, with the close relation existing between Bert Murray and Mrs. Admire, is about all the evidence tending to convict the defendant. F. P. Kergher, the undertaker, as a witness for the defense, made a part of this valueless, by testifying that he had used the sheets dressing the body and that the shirt was the one taken from



MRS. SALLIE ADMIRE.

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WILD FLUCTUATIONS MARKED EARLY HOURS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, May 9.—Under the strain of the most remarkable corner that has ever figured in the history of the street, the common stock of Northern Pacific Railway was to-day forced up to a price that no stock of any American corporation has ever before commanded in the exchange—ILOS share. It is a price far higher than that of Standard Oil stock, and the common shares of the road brought not much more than one-tenth of it on Saturday afternoon. It is a price that tells more eloquently than It is a price that tells more eloquently than words the absurdity to which men can be carried by a passion for stock gambling.

AWAITED THE OPENING

WITH LEAPING PULSES. When the hour for the opening drew near this morning, and worried brokers gathered on the floor to await, with leaping pulses, the signal for their struggles, the news that the big interests on each side of the North-ern Pacific fight had falled to settle their feud had already crept into each man's con-sciousness and lay like a weight on his hear!

hear.

There were many who had steeled themselves to pay fabulous prices for the shares which they mentally cursed, in a trantic effort to keep from going to the wall. There were many more who, though not numbered among the unhappy shorts, looked forward with dread to the results which would follow on the corner's heels.

DREADED TO MEET
THE TRYING ORDEAL.

THE TRYING ORDEAL Unfortunates who had sold Northern

Unfortunates who had sold Northern Pacific stock which they did not own had vainly offered on Wednesday to pay as a share to borrow it for a single night. This meant that they believed it would cost them, if bought, "cash"—that is, for immediate delivery—in the morning a figure more than \$55 in excess of Wednesday's closing price, which was 120. When the market opened they had been waiting with the feeling of a man on trial for his life, who sees the jury returning from its secret session, for the coming ordeal.

They knew absolutely that it was impossion.

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Unidentified man who shot and killed him-self after writing words of a love song in his notebook.

Oh, tell me, Mollie, that you love me;

Put your little hand in mine. Take my heart, sweet Mollie, darling.

For I love you, Mollie, darling; You are all this world to me.

Say that you will give me thine. DAN. After writing in his notebook the above lines from the plaintive love song, "Mollie constitute the first of three stansas of the song which was one of the most popular. Thristian name "Dan" thereto, an unidentised man shot and killed himself yesterday a a barroom at No. 812 North Third street.

Sitting in a corner of the room writ-

tor and his bartender, Henry Frier, were in the place. The stranger said nothing, but sat down at a table. He was very pale and appeared to be undecided about some-Once he rose and left the saloon for a few minutes, but he returned shortly and resumed his seat. Then he took his note-book from a breast pocket and commenced When he had finished he again left his

That you love none else but me?.....

chair and addressed the bartender for the first time, asking to be directed to the toilet-room. Frier answered his question, and the stranger made his way to the toilet.
Two minutes later the bartender and Distelweig were startled by a pistol shot.

They ran back and found the stranger crouched in a corner and unconscious. He had placed a revolver to the top of his head and shot downward.

An ambulance was summoned and the man will unconscious.

man, still unconscious, was taken to the City Hospital. Here it was found that the bullet passed through the brain and lodged neck, near the spinal cord. Death ensued at 11:45 p. m.

Examination of his clothes revealed the

notebook, in which was written the stanza from the song. The notebook also contained an entry to the effect that the writer had left Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Tuesday at 4:30 p. m., but the date is not mentioned. Inside the book was a portion of a pamphlet issued for advertising purposes by the Mansur & Tebbetts Implement Company. At the top of one of the leaves, written in pencil and barely lesible, was a name which

pencil and barely lestble, was a name which appeared to be "Wilton Minnis,"

The suicide was about 25 years old, 5 feet 10 inches in height, and weighed about 170 pounds. He had dark hair, was smooth-faced, and wore a gray check suit, new ahoes, fancy blue and brown striped hostery and a black slouch hat. On the inside of the hat was the following: "Manufactured for R. I. Ladd & Co. Dexter Mo." In for R. L. Ladd & Co., Dexter, Mo." In the man's pockets was a card of the Green Tree Hotel, at No. 306 Pine street. George

Tree Hotel, at No. 308 Pine street. George L. Hummer, the proprietor of this hotel, said that he did not know the man.

A telegram to The Republic from Cape Girardeau, Mo., states that a man answering the suicide's description came to Cape Girardeau at 5:30 p. m. Monday, and secured a room at the Franklin House. He complained of being sick, got an early breakfast, and told the hotel clerk that he intended to leave on an early train for St. Louis. He was a stranger in Cape Girardeau.

For Missouri-Fair in eastern, For Illinois-Fair and warmer Fri-

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1. The Day in Wall Street. House Combine Holds Up Park-Site Bill.

Spent His Money on Handsome Clerk.

The Railroads.

7. Western Normal Oratorical Contestants Marriage License Officer Outwitted. Children to Sing and Dance for Charity.

9. No Abatement of Texas Hospitality. Declares He Shot in Self-Defense.

10. Republic Want Advertisements

13. Financial News